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News Notes

On Sep. 26, from noon to 1 p.m., the counseling lunch-time workshop series will hold a lecture on Career Decisions (assessment of your interests, skills and values), by Mr. Richard Brossman in FL 102.

Financial Aid-Ability test schedule on Sep. 28 at 9 a.m. will be held in CC 116. No appointment is necessary, bring picture ID and the test takes 90 minutes.

Diane Wintrob is setting up a committee to plan the Spring Arts Festival. If any faculty or staff are interested in participating, contact her at ext. 347. On Sep. 27, in CC 208 a lecture entitled Being Alive-Living with AIDS will take place from 1 to 2 p.m.

HIV testing will be held on Oct. 5 in the Student Health Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Student Health Clinic at (818) 780-0652 or visit the clinic located in the Women's Gym Building.

Cholesterol Screening on Sept. 28 will take place in the student health clinic found in the women's gym.

The free Nixonpalooza is kicking off Rockin' the White House on Sep. 23 from noon to 1 p.m. Roger Clinton will be present at this groovy bash. For more information, call (714) 993-5075. Ongoing Karate Classes are available at the YWCA North Valley Location. Classes are from ages 9 to adult. Each session is for 10 weeks for \$40 per session. Classes are held at 1200 No. Maclay St., in San Fernando. For further information, call (818) 365-9141.

Senior health and peer counseling promotes early detection of Breast Cancer by supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month beginning Oct. 1. For information or to make an appointment for a free mammogram, call Senior Health and Peer Counseling at (310) 829-4715.

Here's some crime prevention tips for valley students: walk in groups, stay alert, dress for freedom of movement, have keys ready when going to your car and don't leave your belongings unattended. To report a problem call campus police at ext. 299 or ext. 409 or 0 for operator.

The ultimate sexual harassment workshop! On Sep. 23 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, a continental breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. workshop activities will be conducted. Keynote speakers scheduled are Larry Rosenzweig, Attorney of American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild and Janna DeMeire, Attorney for Academic Senate.

Weaving our way onto the world wide web

By Shawn M. Bush
Editor in Chief

"Yahoo" will soon become one of the buzz words making Valley College part of the next century. With the recent acquisition of

\$30,000 to fund the re-wiring of existing lines for the college's computer network, Valley will become the first of the nine community colleges to join the information super-highway on the Internet.

With an estimated 300 to 400

systems planned across the campus, "Valley College will join the wave of the present, we are there, we're ahead of most other schools," said Thomas Oliver, Dean of Academic Affairs.

"Tyree Wieder was a strong pro-

ponent, Jack Sterk and Lou Albert were the key people in shared governance to bring the Internet to Valley," said Oliver. "We basically needed the money to put in something called a fire wall. The lines were already in existence from the district but they were concerned that students could gain access to school records. It is tough to do (accessing files) but they required us to re-wire the whole campus so school records are protected and all of the networks on campus will have the Internet," Oliver said.

The money to fund this project was raised through specially funded programs and then allocated by the shared governance, who identified this project as important for the benefit of students. "The Internet is part of our future now," said college President Tyree Wieder.

Perhaps the most profound effect on the student body will be felt in the library. "I think it will bring our library instantaneously into the 21st century. Our equipment, our books and periodicals are a little bit dated. This is going to give us state-of-the-art, full text retrieval," said Oliver.

"Dave May, the library manager, and I have been working together to get on-line services so a student that can get on to a computer somewhere, can then use our service number and get full text books, libraries and all sorts of great stuff. That's what the strength is," Oliver said.

There will be no cost to students for the on-line services but rules for using the network will be implemented. With the wealth of information available, there are some concerns regarding downloading obscene or pornographic material. "There has got to be some rules, especially with what is on the Internet. We have to be careful with obscenity and pornography," said Oliver. The college's codes of conduct will define these guidelines. Anticipating an overwhelming

response, Oliver is contemplating a schedule of extended lab hours for computer networks on campus. For those students which know nothing about the Internet, there will be workshops designed to explore the world wide web.

"We are going to hold some afternoon seminars explaining the Internet and how to use it. I gave two seminars to faculty and a lot of those people had never used a computer before, or been on the Internet. It is a fairly simple thing once you catch on," said Oliver.

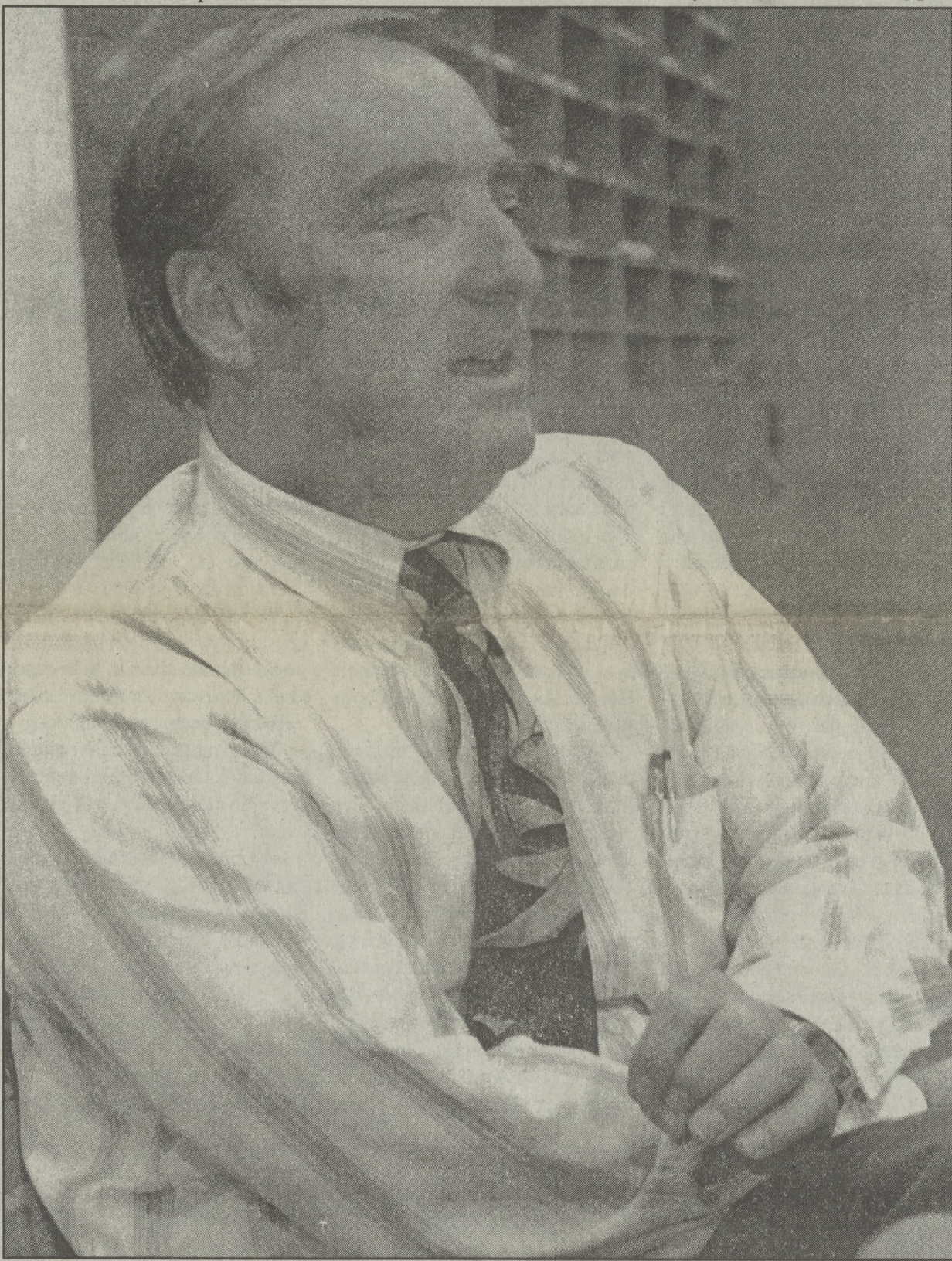
Valley College Administration hopes to attract more students by offering courses using the Internet. Enrollment should also increase through distance learning, where students will be able to take classes and receive credit from Valley over the Internet. The college catalog and background information is currently listed on the network.

"We know there are many individuals surfing the net who might be interested in community colleges. There are high school students out there who will have increasing access to the Internet either in school or at home. Our home page can be seen as a recruiting device or an information service," said Wieder.

California will have an estimated 450,000 high school graduates by the year 2006, a considerable leap from the fewer than 300,000 graduates in 1994.

Having Internet capabilities represents Valley College as an upwardly mobile institution. This will assist the school in obtaining funds through grants. "The recognition should immediately bring extra dollars to Valley," said Oliver.

The system should be working by the end of October, when some changes will be seen right away. "Computer Science has talked about having a course on the Internet for spring 1996. The business Department can begin integrating immediately," Oliver said.



Doctor Thomas W. Oliver, Dean of Academic Affairs, welcomes Valley's subscription to the Internet.

Trujillo is a firestorm in ASU

By Ed West
Valley Star Staff Writer

Lorenzo Trujillo-Izarrarze was elected President of the Associated Student's Union at Valley College. He will serve in this capacity until the end of Spring Semester '96. Trujillo is the one-hundredth and seventh student elected to this office and like the dedicated others who preceded him, says he can make a difference that will be beneficial to both the school and the students.

When asked if he was elected because of the majority of Latino students enrolled at Valley, Trujillo said, "I hope not! Students who use their votes as a symbol of ethnic unity are voting for the wrong reasons. There are more important things to consider," he said.

Apathy on the part of most of the students concerns him. Referring to those who are eligible to vote and do not exercise that privilege,

he went on to say, "Valley's enrollment last year was 17,500 plus students. The total number of votes cast in the last election was only a disgraceful 780. I would like to see more students take an active part in school government, or at least make the minimum effort of casting their vote at election time.

Trujillo maintains a B average in his studies. This grade could easily be an A if he devoted more time to studying. He crams only on the day before a test, the rest of his many hours on campus involved with student affairs. His major is in Fire Technology and he expects to earn a Master's Degree at the end of '96 Spring Semester.

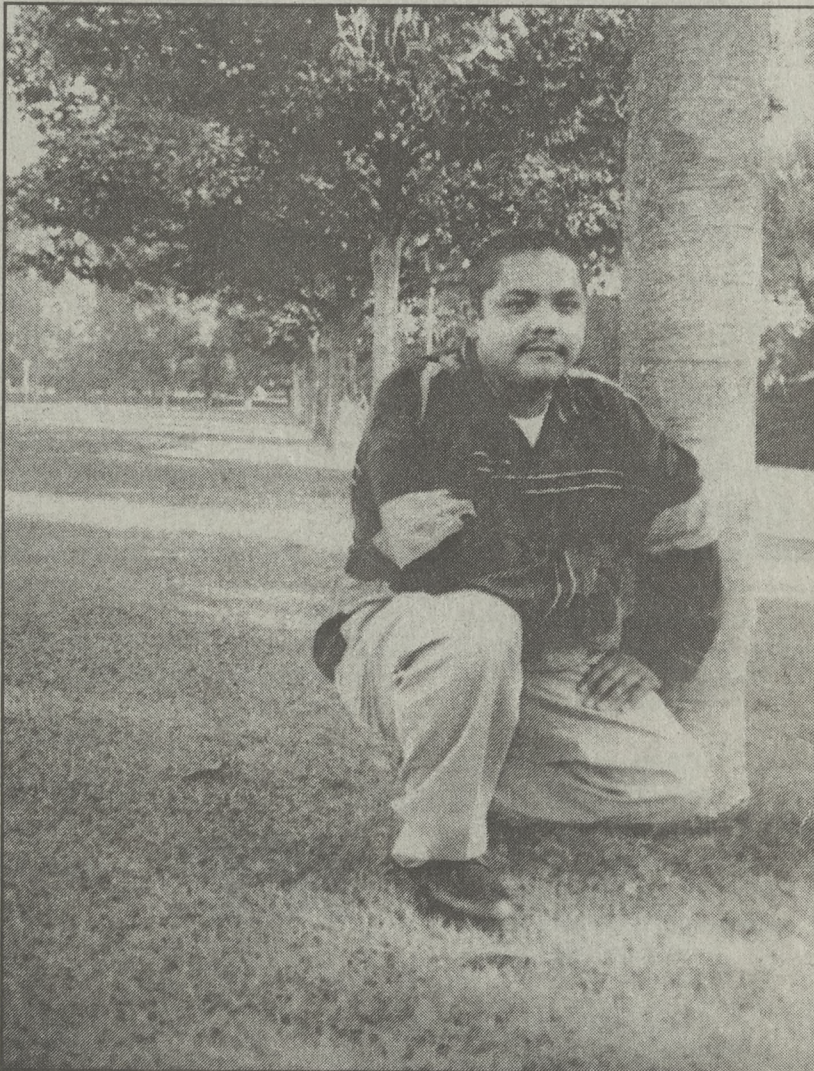
After serving four years as a Cadet Fire Explorer with the Los Angeles Fire Department, he was graduated with honors and fully certified in both CPR and First Aid techniques. Already on the list for appointment to the LAFD, but unsure as to what number, Trujillo,

when called, will train for the position of Paramedic. If already attending USC, he is confident his fire-fighting duties will not conflict with his medical studies.

Ever since becoming involved in student government and more so after being elected president, Trujillo has developed a dislike for the title Associated Student's Union. He wants to change it. He likens the title to a labor organization, wherein the members are forced to act in concert with the dictates of the union leader and have nothing to say regarding the policies of the union.

Trujillo believes all students should have equal voice in school government. To that end, he has considered the titles Associated Student Body, or United Student Assembly, but remains open to suggestions concerning the name change.

Trujillo is in his office every day in the ASU complex.



Lorenzo Trujillo, ASU President looks toward the future for Valley.

Editorial

Changes around the campus

Students returning for the '95 Fall Semester will notice changes in the school and on campus. Some are good, some are not so good. Tuition, however, has not changed. The long awaited appointment of Tyree Wieder is definitely a good thing.

Rid of the word "Acting" from her title, President Wieder is now free to implement changes. Her more than seventeen years experience as an educator will stand her in good stead.

The Staff of the Valley Star wish her bon voyage, as she guides the College through the troubled seas of education.

Some friendly faces of faculty members will be conspicuous by their absence. Attrition and retirement have affected many departments.

The Broadcasting Department was decimated when four professors and five assistants opted for early retirement.

Administration scrambled to replace the retirees and succeeded in doing so, but, just barely. One of the replacements was assigned only two days before the first class session, and several during the first week of classes.

The start of summer vacation began a myriad of renovations to buildings on campus. The Maintenance Department enhanced the interiors of most of the main building's hallway's and classrooms with bright coats of paint.

Room 102, in Humanities, was renovated top to bottom. This room will serve as the computer section of the Writing Center, however the computers are not yet in place.

Valley college will become the first of the nine community colleges to jump on the world wide web.

Steve Whitney, head of the Writing Center, assisted by Rhonda Eisner and a dedicated group of tutors, encourage students in need

of assistance to visit the facility.

Located in Humanities, Room 100, The Writing Center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

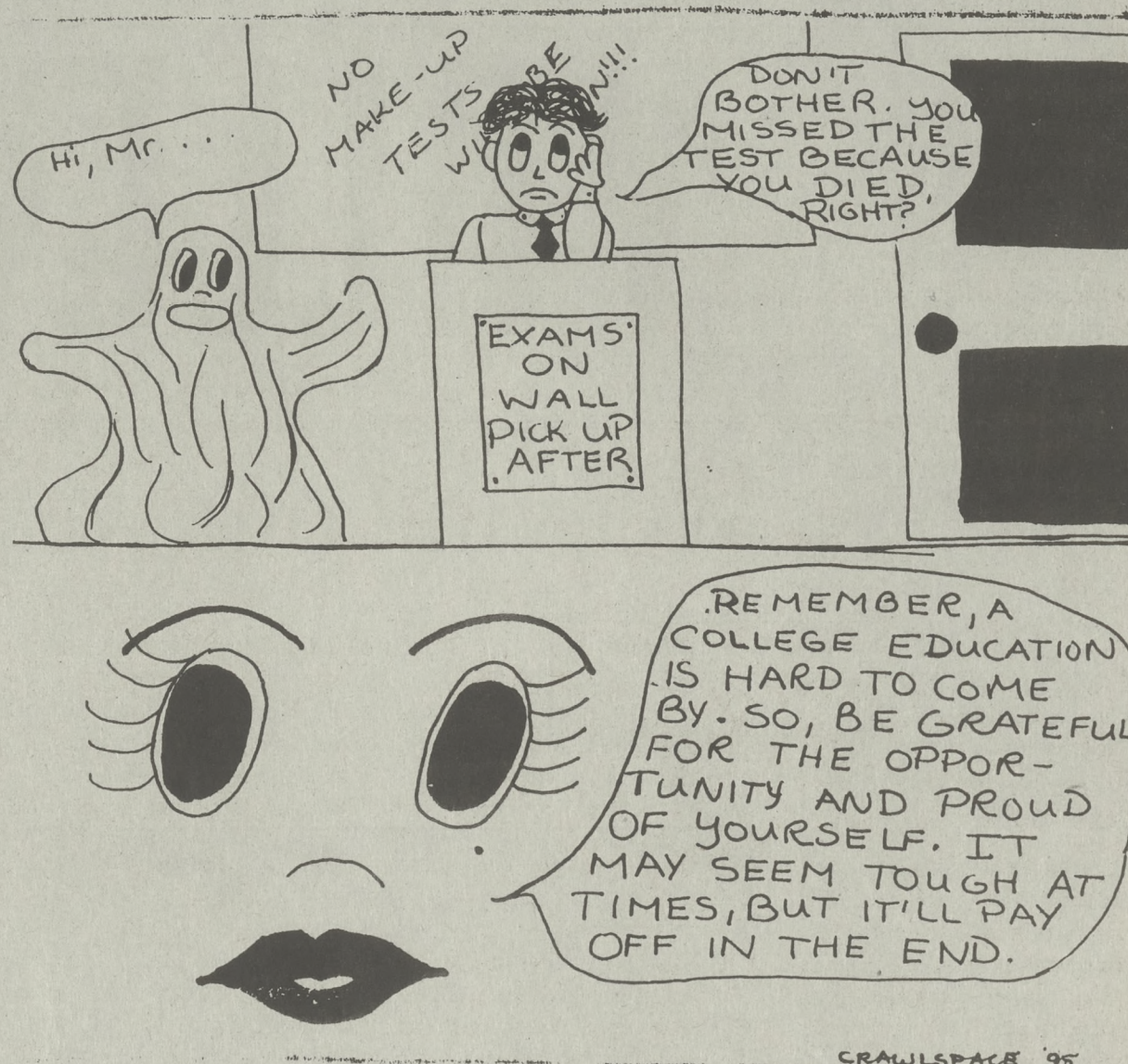
Mr. Austin Conover, the esteemed Curator of Valley's Museum, welcomes students to visit Bungalow 16 and learn some of the fascinating history of Valley College.

Lorenzo Trujillo is President of the ASU. He brings a charismatic attitude and innovative ideas along with a whole new board to the office.

Chief of Police, Captain Karl Trauber welcomes all students to visit police headquarters, especially those dedicated to a career in law enforcement.

The cat population on campus has dwindled, or the feral felines are using birth-control.

This is evidenced by the greater number of birds seen flitting about the campus.



Student finds hidden meaning through dedication

By Jose Israel Lemus
Valley Star Staff Writer

I was in eighth grade when my friend Arnoldo came up with a crazy idea. He told me he was training himself to get on a daily habit of doing one or two things he didn't like doing at all. "Weird," I thought.

We were both kids, and you know, when you are a kid you do all sort of crazy things, throw stones to animals, laugh at older people, lie, eat a banana without peeling it, bet a dime on how many peanuts you can eat in one minute, —all sorts of crazy stuff comes to mind. So, I could have expected anything from him. He had one of the most unusual minds I've ever known.

But this idea was really stupid. He told me he had walked back to town, all the way to the bus stop, after he had come home from school and that he would do that or something else, at least once a day, as

part of his goal of "doing something he really didn't like doing." The bus stop was about a mile and a half away. That was crazy, really weird.

Recently I thought of him. It is weird how he and this incident came to mind in a split second. I was holding open an algebra book written by Math Instructor Norman Siever. In it, Siever has written a list of tips on how to study algebra.

Following that list is a thought from Aristotle: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit." In essence what Sievers implies is that doing the homework every day is the key to excellence in algebra.

When I realized it, I was already thinking of Arnoldo and his silly idea, my mind was traveling a path where I have been before. I have taken an algebra class before, and like my friend, Arnoldo, I felt like I was walking the same road again. This is something I really don't

enjoy doing. Maybe that's how the thought came about.

I still don't understand what Arnoldo's purpose was on doing things he didn't like to do. That I never discussed with him. But who can ever do anything without a purpose? I cannot think of anybody.

As weird as it sounds, though, there might be some benefits in going about such a crazy undertaking. Maybe the route you walk every day is such a boring place because that's the only thing you do, walk. It is likely that when you are walking (or driving), trying to get home, hungry, you don't even look around, appreciate the scenery, or anything that can be appreciated on the way.

Carefully thinking about it, you can find out that you really don't know the road. You go about it by routine impulses. I can imagine if I were to do Arnoldo's suggestion, I might try to observe the road or

find something to keep my trip interesting. In reality it is hard to see myself doing it. However, that day I thought of Arnoldo I equated, in a weird way of course, his silly idea to my experience with mathematics in college. I have had to go back to basic in math, as far back as the beginnings of arithmetic. And now I feel like walking a road I've walked before. One I don't like because it really hasn't been well paved for me.

Mathematics has never been my favorite thing to do, or think about. Math has been a nightmare. I've always belonged to the pack of students who don't hesitate to say, "I hate math." Math has given me anxieties. It has upset me. I have pulled my hair to the point of getting headaches. I have broke pencils, tore books apart. My relationship with math has been turbulent. I have taking classes a number of times and dropped them back, I have put it off more times. I have

been lazy in math. I have been so unattracted to the subject that even walking through the math and science building at Valley has been disturbing. Listening to those students who gather about the exit door and talk of their problems with algebra or geometry has been a pathetic experience. Yet more upsetting has been listening to those who celebrate their A's in math tests. I've always hated those talks.

But I've been wrong all along. The strangeness of Arnoldo's idea has somehow began to make sense to me. I insist that this is weird.

Beginning this semester I decided that I will finally finished my math. I began to do math as a hobby, remember that hobby of "doing something I really don't like doing." To my surprise the activity has began to paid off. Since I begin from the basics, I knew it was going to be a long way. Now I am beginning to understand why "two

plus twice a number can be equal to twelve."

I have began to wonder if I my attitudes towards math are changing. One night last week I jumped out of emotion when I got the answer right in an algebra problem, and I wondered if I was having fun. If so I must be going in the right direction, I thought.

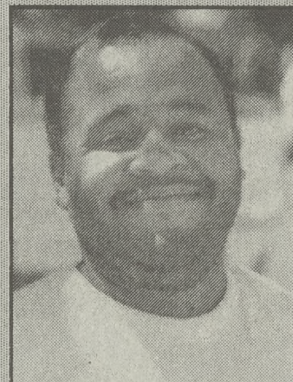
About four years ago a math professor at the University of Dominguez Hills wrote, in a commentary to Los Angeles Times, that she had learned that the National Academy of Science says that of 21 million new jobs in the year 2000, 75 percent of them will require post secondary education, including math.

If that's so, students who love math will sure dominate the job market. And if it is so, I surely would like to become a math lover, even if I have to train myself in doing things I really don't like doing.

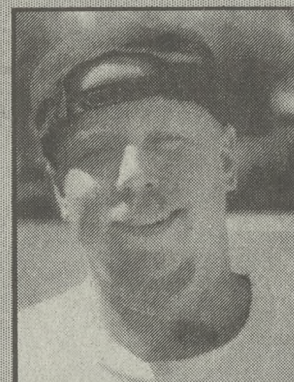
What's the best excuse you have given for missing a class or test?



Beverly Mendoza 18,
Major: Psychology
"I've only missed twice,
for funerals. One for each
parent."



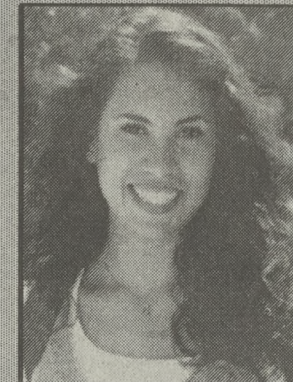
Rayvone Douthard 31,
Major: Undecided
"Family problems. Professors
don't ask about them."



John A. Seman 25,
Major: Admin. of Justice
"The dog died, forgot I
had class, no car or car
trouble."



Evelyn Restrepo 24,
Major: English
"Was sick, had to fly out
of town for a funeral."



Barbara Tragish 18,
Major: Business
"I haven't been late and
I don't miss tests."

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Unity in unique celebration

By Adam Adler
Valley Star Staff Writer

Members of Latinos for Higher Education and Mecha, with help from the Black Student Union, did what no one has ever done before. They celebrated Mexican Independence Day, Sep. 16th, and Central American Independence Day, Sep. 15th, together in a celebration Friday, Sep. 15.

Mexico was the first to gain independence from Spain on Sep. 16th 1810. Central America gained

its independence over 10 years later on Sep. 15th 1821. Mexico supported the various countries in

is."

The major focus of the event was its speakers. Dr. Hernandez, from Chicano Studies, talked about the importance of education. He encouraged students to stay in school and not to drop out. "Knowledge is power and if you want to change anything or make a difference you first have to get an education," Hernandez said.

Ms. Stoffer, from African American Studies, talked about unity between African Americans and Latinos. She stressed that the real

dence. Bautista urged everyone there to go into the community and work to make things better. He said someone has to educate ignorant people and work with our government on its problems to make it better.

Jenaro Ayala, a representative from La Raza Unida, was a speaker brought in from outside the campus. Mr. Ayala was a student at Valley College 25 years ago. He and his friends fought to start Chicano Studies and Mecha. Friends and colleges of his gave up

careers, personal success and their lives to have these things on campus.

Mr. Bautista
Chicano Studies

When Mr.

Central America; Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua, in their independence movements.

In more recent history, however, things like territory disputes, national pride, and other misunderstandings have placed the two similar groups apart. Norma Vega, Vice President of the ASU, commented, "I think we should focus on the unity issues and not so much on the political for this one (event)." George Boche, ASU Commissioner of Latino Concerns, commented about unity among everyone, "If you have a lot of pride in who you are it doesn't matter what other people call you. It shouldn't phase you, it shouldn't get under your skin. Its how ignorant that other person

problem is to overcome racism and she urged the two groups should come together.

Mr. Bautista, from Chicano Studies, talked about the current issues concerning the Chicano and Latino cultures. He said the issues are the same as those fought for in the Mexican Independence; human rights, education, freedom to vote and freedom of speech.

Today Chicanos and Latinos want decent pay, health care for their families and education for their children among other things. He encouraged students to stay in school and complete their education. He emphasized everyone should register to vote and exercise that right.

There was more to the festivities than just celebrating the Indepen-

Ayala was attending Valley, he and his friends wanted to be called Chicano, not Mexicans or Hispanics. They wanted recognition for their culture, and they wanted the right to call themselves what they wanted to be called.

He urged that saying "unity" was not enough to make it happen, everyone has to work towards that goal. Ayala said young Chicano and Latino students should know they have a culture and long history. They should know their ancestors where here before the "Americans" came.

Mexican Independence is important in Los Angeles because the area was once Mexico. Ayala said when you can go into Latino communities and see no problems then you will not need civil rights.



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Guest Speaker Jenaro Ayala shares words of wisdom with M.E.Ch.A. co-chair Gabriel Ruiz at rally.

Re-roofing places students in sticky situation at Women's Gym

By Laura Renolds
Valley Star Staff Writer

The roof on the Womens Gym is being re-done with tar, so much that it is coming down the walls inside the Gym.

The supervisor for Bryant Universal Roofing did not want to give his name.

When addressed, he stated the cause of the tar over-flowing was a defective pump.

According to the supervisor, while the supervisor and his crew were working on the roof, a kill switch with a line connected to

the pump was disconnected by someone, "Possibly a student."

Campus Police Captain Karl Traber said to his knowledge no report was made about the dam-

"It is too smokey and unhealthy to work students under these conditions."

John Taylor - Women's Basketball Coach

age.

As if the tar and smoke were not enough, a brush fire along the Franklin ridge on the Mulholland Highway was burning, causing smoke to come on Campus.

Students could not find any fresh air, even those in rooms which had airconditioning.

According to Women's Bas-

ketball team member, Jacque Tennes, she could not follow the routine because of smoke in the Women's Gym.

Another student on the same team, Lisa Nielsen, said, "I can not work out because of the

smoke, it is unhealthy."

The coach of the Women's basketball team, John Taylor, said, "The team is not going at full speed. It is too smokey and unhealthy to work students under these conditions."

The Women's Gym will stay open throughout the re-roofing project. The work should be complete by the first week of October.

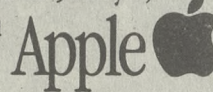
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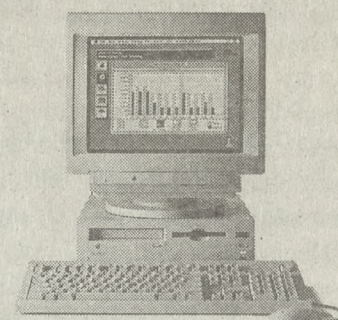


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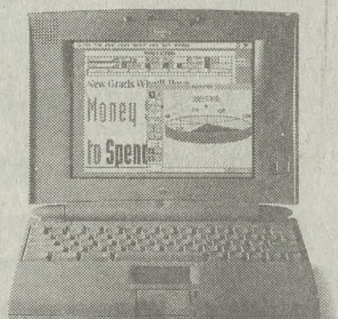
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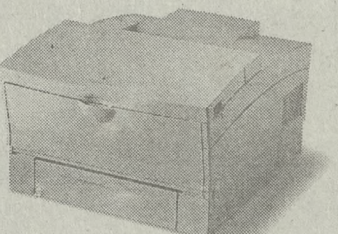
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Seat filling part two; Bristol meets Spielberg

By BRISTOL MAC DONALD
Valley Star Staff Writer

INT. PASADENA CIVIC AUDITORIUM - EARLY EVENING

Once again, it was survival of the fittest. The veterans kicked up their heels and dashed toward the front of the auditorium, seeking out the prime seats. I could of sworn that their feet never touched the ground. The rest of us fumbled about trying desperately to appear as if we belonged. I spotted a seat and lunged for it as lady like as was possible under

tonight and awarded for their long years of hard work and perseverance. I applauded them from my heart. Cybil Shepard, looking stunningly beautiful and the ever funny Jason Alexander, acting as this years hosts guided the show smoothly threw its transitions. I sat back and took a deep breath, taking in every magical moment of this evening.

Suddenly the lights came up, a voice announced a commercial break. I noticed my seat filler peers running about like vultures, pray-

jumped to their feet hugging and kissing one another. The shows theme music filled the air. There across the room was my friend, the man I had almost pummeled when I first arrived. I was so caught up in his elation, I lost all focus of my goal. When the lights came up Spielberg was no where to be seen. Being such an extraordinary evening, had I just imagined him? This icon of a man I most admire. Although my hopes had fallen, I was still riding high on the emotions of the evening as I slowly

"It took all the power within me not to let my jaw hit the floor."

Bristol Mac Donald
Valley Star Staff Writer

worked my way to the lobby. I sat in the corner, jotting down a few notes and

the circumstances. I nearly knocked the poor man in the next seat to the floor. I later found out he was one of the producers of NYPD BLUES, so I guess the violent jolt did not shock him too much. He was intrigued that I was a journalist. I was fascinated that he did not have me immediately removed.

With only five minutes to showtime, I casually glanced around the audience. It took all the power within me not to let my jaw hit the floor. The talent that surrounded me was something out of a fantastic dream. To my right sat, Dennis Miller, Garry Shandling and Carl Reiner, straight ahead, Barbara Streisand, Glenn Close, Ben Kingsley and Mandy Patinkin, a few rows away, James Woods, Tyne Daly, Rosie O'Donell, Helen Hunt and the casts of ER and FRIENDS. Everywhere I looked sat a shining star.

The lights went down and a hush fell over the room, then like a magnificent orchestration, the applause erupted. Tears sprang to my eyes. These great talents that make us laugh and cry would be recognized

ing on the next available seats. I became possessive, like a mother protecting an endangered child. I worked hard for this seat, but when the Lander's sisters appeared and gave me the eye, I knew I had lost the battle. The Lander's sisters! Who even knew they were still around? I gathered my things and returned to the hunt. I quickly scanned the room and stopped dead in my tracks. There in plain view was Steven Spielberg. The man I fantasized would open the doors of success for me. It did not take long for me to catch on to the seat filler phenom. I flew, how I have do idea, but I had a goal and it was to meet Mr. Spielberg and nothing and no one was going to stand in my way.

During each commercial break, I joined in the frantic game of musical chairs and worked my way closer to my goal. Time was running out, my heart pounded, my hands shook, I tried to remain calm. The last award for Outstanding Drama Series was announced. "And the Emmy goes to NYPD BLUES." The cast and producers

watched the actors mingle together, discussing the best strategy of finding their cars in the mass confusion. As the crowd thinned out, I was a bit sad to see the night end and the stars fade in the distance.

Looking over my notes, I moved toward the exit paying no attention to where I was going, when suddenly I ran head on into something, nearly knocking me off my feet. I grasped at anything to keep my balance and prayed no one was watching. I felt a hand pull me up to a standing position and heard a gentle voice ask if I was alright. I had no idea what I had run into, but I immediately began to apologize profusely for my stupidity. My first instinct was to flee from the auditorium like Cinderella, yet the voice was so calming and familiar. I looked back to see who had saved me and there he was. That illusive image I had searched for all night. Spielberg smiled and once again asked if I was alright. Yes, I thought, I've never been better in my life.

This has been a perfect evening, seat filler and all.



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Radio jock delivers experience

By Bristol Mac Donald
Entertainment Editor

What does Los Angeles Valley College and the number two radio station in Los Angeles have in common? Before this semester, not much, but with Valley College's recent addition of Scott Mason, KROQ's operations manager, to its Broadcasting Department, the two entities are now intertwined.

Located high above Burbank, overlooking the city of entertainment, nestled inconspicuously within the confines of a quiet, conservative bank building, the world famous KROQ exists. Just beyond the front doors of this radically explosive radio station, a magnetic energy furiously rushes through the air, bouncing off the poster lined walls. The atmosphere, although casual, is unmistakably charged with a contagious spark of electricity. Around every corner, every office and high tech studio, the young, hip and cool work with an enthusiastic semblance.

Mason's office, tucked away at the end of a maze of madness, reflects the man himself. Small, compact and full of life. Above the endless ringing of telephones filtering in from the hallway, the alternative music of 106.7 FM pulsates throughout the room. He sits behind his desk, casually leaning back in his chair and smiles, obviously happy and content to be working for this multi-million dollar making company.

"I came to KROQ in 1979. I've been everything from a D.J., a assistant program director, chief engineer to operations manager," he says. His voice grows with excitement. "The one cool thing about this radio station is it's a fun place to work. We're on the cutting edge. We get to play some really good music. We're not sitting around here playing some really boring crap," he adds.

As operations manager of KROQ, Mason's responsibilities cover a wide range of areas. He oversees everything from the legal aspects of the radio station, dealing with FCC rules and regula-

tions, to the technical side of the operation. "I'm the general problem solver," he laughs. This may seem hard to believe, considering he looks young enough to be mistaken for an intern, but his impressive background proves that this man, adored by fans, is more than just a familiar voice.

An alumnist of Valley College, where he recieved his associate degree, Mason is proud of the fact that at the early age of 16 he had already obtained his first FCC license.

"When I was at Valley it was the first semester that Ray Wilson, who is my predecessor, was teaching. Ray had a news background, so during class he would ask me to talk about the technical side of radio because I already had my license," he explains.

Mason is also a certified senior broadcast engineer and holds a number of other professional level licenses, yet engineering for a radio station was not his original goal.

"I don't know what my original goal was," he bursts out laughing, "I just liked the business. As a kid I wanted to be a disc jockey, but as I got into it I saw that there's certainly more to this industry than that. I was always good in engineering," he says.

Mason, who is well respected in the industry for his technical genius, is often called upon by colleges to talk to their broadcasting and communications classes. Ray Wilson was among those that beckoned his former student back to enlighten his classes. At the announcement of Wilson's retirement, Valley College approached Mason to take over the radio programming and production course. He enthusiastically agreed.

One might wonder if the controlled craziness and predictable unpredictability KROQ is known for will leak into his classroom on campus, yet when Mason speaks of teaching his voice takes on a much more serious tone.

"I'm a fairly lenient teacher, however it's important to me that my students understand how a radio station works. I'm a question person. You can say one plus one

equals two and I'll ask why? I encourage questions, even if the questions are about KROQ," he stresses.

Having never taught a full semester of broadcasting before, Mason feels that his credentials as a certified instructor for the Red Cross, in which he teaches everything from CPR to basic life support classes and his many years in radio have prepared him to lead his students through the course and help guide them toward their ultimate goals.

"If a student wants to work in radio, my goal is to have them leave the class with a tape they can send out to a program director of a radio station. I want to encourage them to get in there and really start improving themselves," he emphasizes leaning forward on his desk.

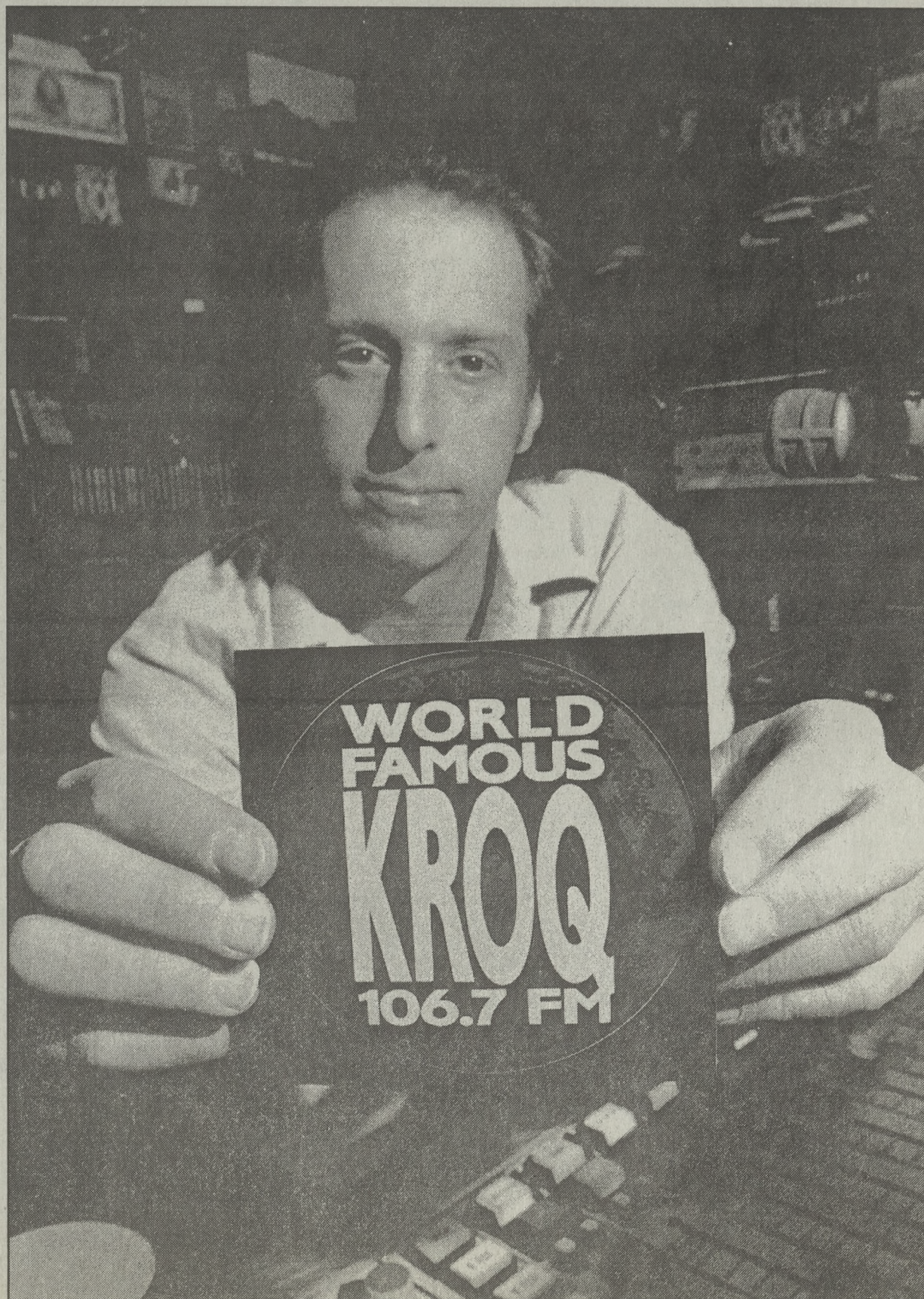
Mason is obviously a man of many passions. He balances running a radio station, teaching, working on finishing his business degree at Cal State Northridge, as well as entertaining KROQ fans with two shifts on the air. When describing his Sunday morning show, "Open Line", which airs 5:00a.m. to 8:00a.m., his face lights up.

"It's a cool show. People call in and talk about things going on and things that are important to them. It's great!" he says.

It is no mystery that it is the intense energy and vibrance that exudes from this man and the passion he feels for radio that keeps Mason juggling such a hectic schedule. He explains that the questionable connection between his position at KROQ and his work at Valley College is quite apparent.

"Doing this brings this world into my teaching. This business changes rapidly. There's things changing in communication all the time, so by being in the position I am here at KROQ, it enables me to bring the knowledge and the changing technology directly to my students," he says.

It is not often an outstanding professional of his status, genuinely gives back to the community that helped guide him.



Mason a sixteen year veteran of KROQ is heard Sunday mornings, 5 to 8 a.m. on "Open Line".
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Monarchs shoot down the Eagles

By James Jamora
Valley Staff Writer

For the second week in a row the Monarchs lived up to their 17 national ranking, dominating the Mt. San Jacinto Eagles 44-21 in the Western State Conference (WSC) South Division game at Valley Saturday.

Marcus Harvey put Valley on the scoreboard first, capping off a five-play, 76-yard drive with a 10-yard score.

In the second period, quarterback Arron Flowers found Cameron Perry on a 31-yard pass play. Later in the quarter, Elijah Raphael found the end zone on a 31-yard sprint to give Valley a 20 point lead.

A solo field goal by Eagle kicker Ryan Palomino at the close of the half sent the teams to the locker rooms with the Monarchs out in front 20-3.

The only score of the third quarter came on Jose Cortez' 43-yard Monarch field goal, setting up for a fourth quarter in which the two

teams would score 39 points.

The scoring derby began as Marcel Desir rocketed into the end zone from two yards out of the quarter's first score. Flower's pass to Kai Chauncey completed the two point conversion.

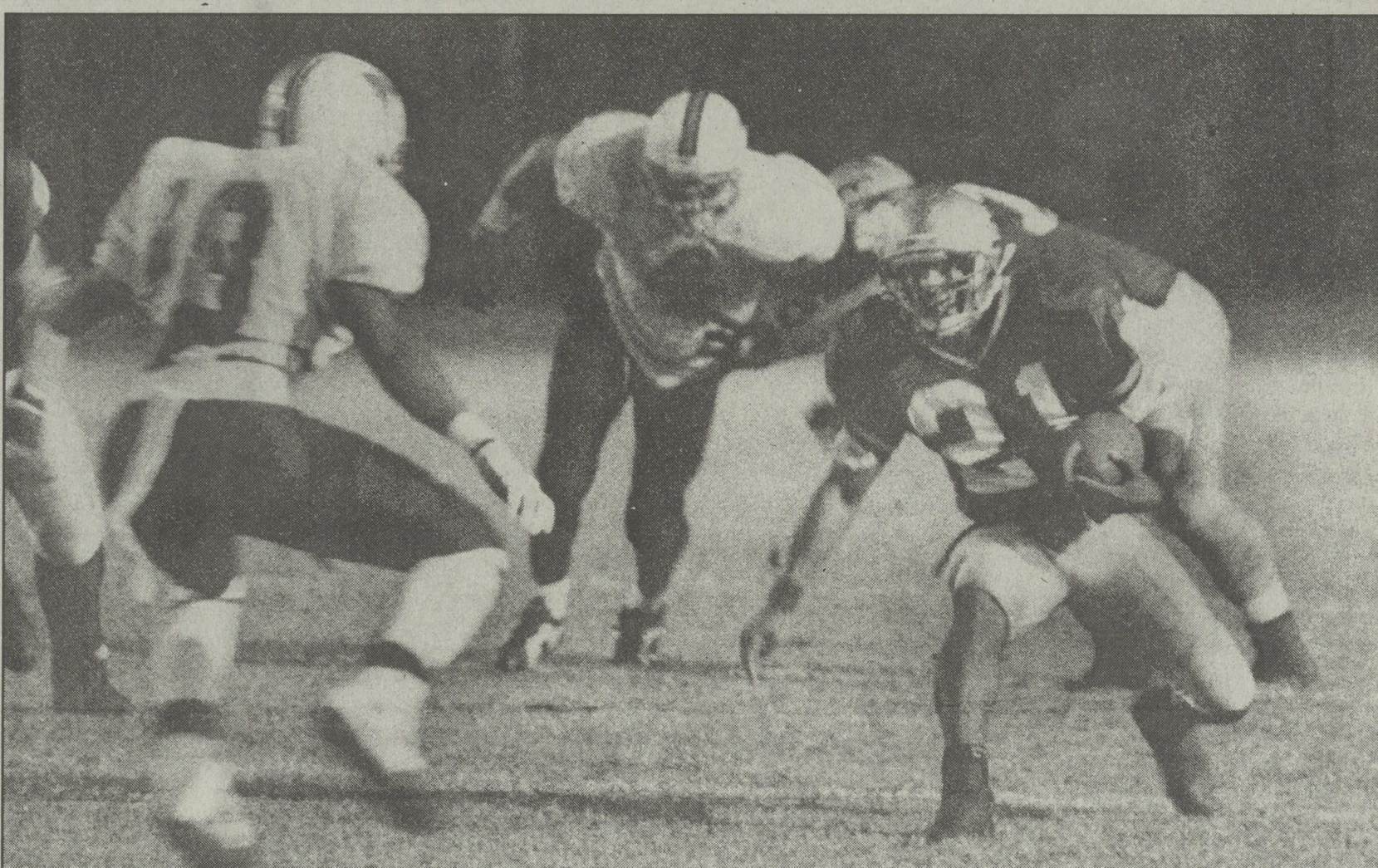
Minutes later, it was Desir again plunging into the end zone from one yard out, giving Valley its second six of the quarter.

The Eagles scored twice within the next two minutes, first on a pass from quarterback Jazz Gomez to Dennis Duffey, then on a 22-yard completion to Travis Williams.

Only 46 seconds later, Flowers found wide receiver Tweedy Stiner alone on the right side, completing the 50-yard drive on a single play.

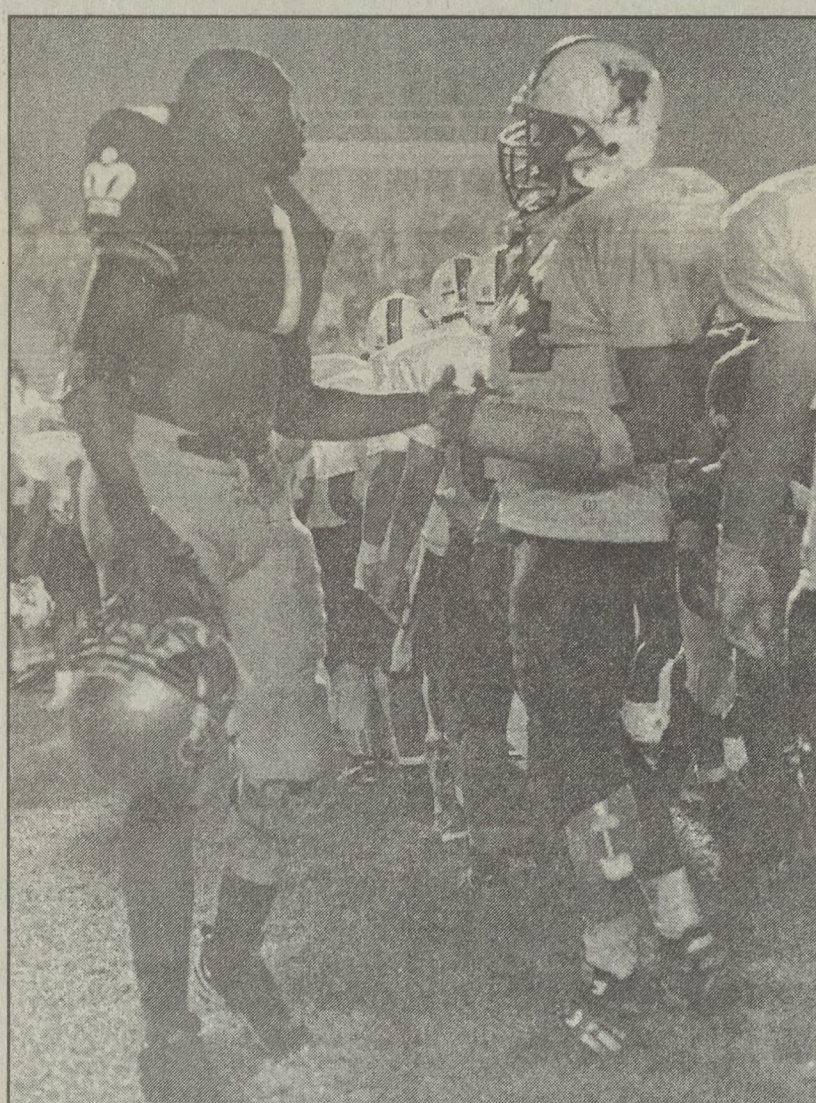
Finally, the Eagles' running back Sabir Akbar found his way into the end zone on a one-yard scurry with just over a minute remaining in the game.

Eleven receivers were used by the Monarchs in the contest as they assembled 386 aerial yards on their way to the 44-21 win.



Marcus Harvey (21) is first to score for Valley Monarchs, rounding off the night with a 76 yard drive.

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